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Preliminary Amendment

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in claim 1 being adapted to be driven by a random orbital means.

[Amend claim 7 as follows:]

7. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in claim 1 wherein the center of the mounting plate is part of the web.

Amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in claim 7 including a plurality of vacuum ports, at least one vacuum port being through the web and proximal to the center of the mounting plate, and other vacuum ports being through the web and proximal to the periphery of the mounting plate.